

What species? Louisiana Waterthrush How many? 1Location? Ledges State Park, Boone County, IowaType of habitat? A fast-moving, freshwater canyon stream, lined intermittently with trees.When? date(s): April 2, 1982 time: 7:25 AM to 7:30 AMWho? your name and address: John C. Robinson / 1401 Oakdene St. / Pittsburgh, Pa. 15206others with you: Bill Robbins, Mark Loeschke

others before or after you: _____

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Approximately 5 inches in length, this bird was flushed from the stream bed near the lower part of the Canyon Trail. It alighted in a nearby tree, at which time the bobbing motions characteristic of waterthrushes was observed. Immediately after perching in this tree it sang, a song consisting of "3 introductory slurred whistles followed by a rapid sequence of notes which descended in pitch. This song was given twice." A sharp, loud call note was then uttered and the bird flew to a neighboring tree located approximately at the position where the other two observers were standing. After singing twice in this tree it flew to a third tree in which it sat and continued to sing while all three of us approached it to within 30 feet. All white underparts, which were not washed with yellow, were observed. A white, rather than a buffy yellow eyestripe, was seen; and the throat was unstreaked. Leg coloration was pinkish to flesh-colored. Streakings on the underside were conspicuously evident; back coloration was lightish brown. The bill was relatively thin & pointed.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Ovenbirds have eyerings and an orange crown streak.Northern Waterthrush has a streaked throat, underparts conspicuously washed with yellow, a buffy-yellow eyestripe, a relatively smaller bill, & a different song.Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: Slightly overcast, lighting conditions were generally very good to excellent. Closest and farthest observations, respectively, were made from distances of 30 and 60 feet.

Pentax 10x50 binoculars

Previous experience with species and similar ones: I have seen a substantial number of Louisiana Waterthrushes and a large number of Northern Waterthrushes annually for the past 3 years.References and persons consulted before writing description: Golden Field Guide to Birds of North America by C.S. RobbinsHow long before field notes made? 30 minutes this form completed? 5 hours

MAIL TO: T. H. Kent, Field Reports Editor, 211 Richards Street, Iowa City IA 52240